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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Riou et al.
Title: PRINTING SYSTEM
Appl. No.: 10/698,511
Filing Date: 10/31/2003
Examiner: Fidler, Shelby Lee
Art Unit: 2861

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson, Martin G. Rockwell and David R.

Christmann, state and declare that:

1. Each of us are the inventors of at least one of originally filed Claims 1 through 39 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,511, filed on October 31, 2003, and entitled "Printing System."
2. We understand that in an Office Action dated January 10, 2006, each of Claims 1-5, 7-26, and 30-39 was rejected as being unpatentable based at least in part on the use of U.S. Patent 6,659,587 to Berg et al.
3. We understand, based on the information provided on the front page of Berg et al., that Berg et al. was filed in the United States on December 19, 2001.

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4. Prior to December 19, 2001, we conceived in the United States the invention described in Claims 1-5, 7-26, and 30-39 of the above-referenced Application as evidenced by the attached Exhibits A-E referenced herein.

6. Exhibit A is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou and David B. Larson which was written and dated prior to December 19, 2001. Exhibit A generally describes an ink emissions condenser and collection system for an inkjet printer.

7. Exhibit B is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and Martin G. Rockwell which was written and dated prior to December 19, 2001. Exhibit B generally describes an inkjet emissions condensate collection and storage system for using sealed containers.

8. Exhibit C is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and Martin G. Rockwell which was written and dated prior to December 19, 2001. Exhibit C generally describes an inkjet emissions/vapor condenser using a fluid heat exchanger.

9. Exhibit D is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou and David B. Larson which was written and dated prior to December 19, 2001. Exhibit D generally describes an inkjet emissions/vapor condenser using a thermal electric module.

10. Exhibit E is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and David R. Christmann which was written and dated prior to December 19, 2001. Exhibit E generally describes an inkjet emissions condensate collection and system allowing water evaporation to reduce storage volume.

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Date: 27-Mar-06By: *Michel A. Riou*
Michel A. Riou

Date: _____

By: _____
David B. Larson

Date: _____

By: _____
Martin G. Rockwell

Date: _____

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Date: _____

By: _____
Michel A. Riou

Date: 10 March 2006

By: David B. Larson
David B. Larson

Date: _____

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Martin G. Rockwell

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Date: _____

By: _____
Michel A. Riou

Date: _____

By: _____
David B. Carson

Date: 15 March 2006

By: _____
Martin G. Rockwell

Date: _____

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Michel A. Riou

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David B. Larson

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